

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/803,561

Examiner

Tuyen To

Applicant(s)

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17**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 07/05/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-11, 13-20 and 22-29 (renumbering per 37 CFR 1.126).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicants, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification

3. On page 1, replace the paragraph [0001] with the following paragraph:

--[0001] This application is related to the following commonly-owned, co-pending U.S. Patent Applications: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/803,715, filed 03/18/2004 entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD TO OPTIMIZE LOGICAL CONFIGURATION RELATIONSHIPS IN VLSI CIRCUIT ANALYSIS TOOLS"; U.S. Patent Application No. 10/803,692, filed 03/18/2004 entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING EFFICIENT APPLICATION OF LOGICAL CONFIGURATION INFORMATION IN VLSI CIRCUIT ANALYSIS TOOLS"; U.S. Patent Application No. 10/803,610, filed 03/18/2004 entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD TO PRIORITIZE AND SELECTIVELY APPLY CONFIGURATION INFORMATION FOR VLSI CIRCUIT ANALYSIS TOOLS"; U.S. Patent Application No. 10/803,693, filed 03/18/2004 entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FLATTENING HIERARCHICAL DESIGNS IN VLSI CIRCUIT ANALYSIS TOOLS"; and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/803,714, filed 03/18/2004 entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD TO LIMIT RUNTIME OF VLSI CIRCUIT ANALYSIS TOOLS

FOR COMPLEX ELECTRONIC CIRCUITS"; all of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety. --

4. On page 12, replace the paragraph [0032] with the following paragraph:
--[0032] In addition to combining all of the configuration information together in a per-net fashion, the Configuration Generation module 408 also propagates some logic configuration through a process referred to as "transitive closure", as described in related U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/803,715 (Docket No. 200311735-1), which has been incorporated by reference in its entirety. --

5. *(Note: These paragraphs [0001] on page 1 and [0032] on page 12 have been replaced with the above paragraphs because the U.S. Patent Application No. and the filed date in the paragraphs [0001] and [0032] in the specification have not been provided.)*


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuyen To whose telephone number is (571) 272-8319. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00am-5:00pm.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack Chiang can be reached on (571) 272-7483. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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